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STATE OF MONTANA

Monthly Summary
of

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS AND FATALITIES

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STANDARD SUMMARY OF MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

In MONTANA (State) For FEBRUARY 1969 (Month or other period)

1. TYPE OF ACCIDENT	Number of Accidents: Total	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Property Damage	Number of Persons: Total Killed	Injured: Total	a	b	c
Motor Vehicle									
1. Ran off road	201	5	48	148	6	60	21	30	9
2. Overturned on road	14		5	9		5	2	2	1
Collision of motor vehicle with: 3. Pedestrian	13	1	12		1	14	7	4	3
4. Motor vehicle in traffic	748	2	131	615	3	181	40	60	81
5. Parked motor vehicle	108		15	93		16	3	7	6
6. Railroad train	4	1		3	1				
7. Bicyclist									
8. Animal	21		4	17		6	3	2	1
9. Fixed object	101		14	87		16	3	8	5
10. Other object									
11. Other non-collision	1		1			1	1		
12. Misc.									
Totals	1211	9	230	972	11	299	80	113	106

Note The three categories of injuries follow the Manual of Uniform Definitions of Motor Vehicle Accidents.

a. Bleeding wound, distorted member, or any condition that required victim be carried from the scene.

b. Other visible injuries such as bruises, abrasions, swelling, limping, or other painful movement

c. Complaint of pain, without visible signs of injury, or momentary unconciousness.

SUMMARY OF Statewide ACCIDENTS

Legally reportable accidents are those involving death, bodily injury or property damage of

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☐ In the accident

☒ To the property of one person

This summary includes reports and information available on

July 29, 1969

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2A. COMPARATIVE TOTALS	Same Month Last Year: All accidents	Persons killed	Persons injured	This Year to Date: All accidents	Persons killed	Persons injured	Same Period Last Year: All accidents	Persons killed	Persons injured	Change Cumulative Death Record
1. Ran off road	233	6	153	474	8	157	440	7	207	14
2. Overturned on road	8		6	26		8	23		10	NC
Collision of motor vehicle with: 3. Pedestrian	11		13	20	1	24	23	1	25	NC
4. Motor vehicle in traffic	565	1	203	1968	8	566	1588	2	534	+300
5. Parked motor vehicle	92		18	258		30	215		25	NC
6. Railroad train	4	1	4	16	2	4	10	1	4	+100
7. Bicyclist	2		2				3		3	NC
8. Animal	42		2	63		10	84		8	NC
9. Fixed object	115	3	40	259		57	272	4	75	-100
10. Other object	6		3	1			9		6	NC
11. Other non-collision				2	1	1	2		1	+INF
12. Misc.				1		2	2	1	1	-100
Totals	1078	11	444	3088	20	859	2671	16	899	+ 25

2B. MILEAGE RATES	This Year To Date	Last Year Same Period	Percent Change
1. Motor vehicle traffic deaths	20	16	+ 25%
2. Estimated motor vehicle mileage traveled (millions)	594	586	1.4%
3. Death rate per 100,000,000 vehicle-miles	3.4	2.7	+ .3
4. Fatal accident rate per 100,000,000 vehicle-miles	2.9	2.5	+ 2%
5. Fatal Accidents	17	15	+ 13%
6.			%

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4. 50,000 to 100,000	203		47	156		56						
5. 100,000 to 250,000												
6. 250,000 or more												
7.												
8.												
Total urban	610		115	495		146						
RURAL: All locations other than those above.												
1. Controlled access highway	41		12	29		15						
2. State routes &US	267	4	62	201	5	79						
3. County routes	293	5	41	247	6	59						
4. Other												
5. Not stated												
Total rural	601	9	115	477	11	153						
Total urban and rural	1211	9	230	972	11	299						

5. TIME (Hour beginning)	Total: All	Fatal	Monday: All	Fatal	Tuesday: All	Fatal	Wednesday: All	Fatal	Thursday: All	Fatal	Friday: All	Fatal	Saturday: All	Fatal	Sunday: All	Fatal	Not stated: All	Fatal
Before Noon: 0. Midnight	46	1	4		6	1	3		2		8		8		15			
1. 1:00	33		4		4				1		3		12		9			
2. 2:00	22		1		1		2		1		2		9		6			
3. 3:00	11		1		2						1		3		4			
4. 4:00	9	1	1				1		2	1	2		1		2			
5. 5:00	8		1						1		1		1		4			
6. 6:00	18		4		3				4		3		4					
7. 7:00	49		7		10		7		7		14		1		3			
8. 8:00	84		8		20		6		14		19		11		6			
9. 9:00	50		13		6		4		14		3		4		6			
10. 10:00	53		6		4		5		10		7		10		11			
11. 11:00	47		8		7		6		3		10		10		3			
After Noon: 12. Noon	69		3		7		7		18		14		9		11			
13. 1:00	72		10		11		4		9		16		14		8			
14. 2:00	67	1	8		2		4		6		10		20		17	1		
15. 3:00	90	3	13		13		9	1	18	1	18	1	13		6			
16. 4:00	113	1	17	1	14		13		23		21		11		14			
17. 5:00	88	1	13		10		8		18		17	1	11		11			
18. 6:00	54	1	5		8		5		11		12		5	1	8			
19. 7:00	55		12		5		8		4		14		5		7			
20. 8:00	62		9		3		12		8		14		10		6			
21. 9:00	39		8		4		3		3		7		11		3			
22. 10:00	38		5		3		5		4		12		6		3			
23. 11:00	32		1		7		1		5		8		8		2			
24. Not stated	2								1						1			
Totals	1211	9	162	1	150	1	113	1	187	2	236	2	197	1	166	1		

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4 AGE OF CASUALTY	Number of Persons Killed									Number of Persons Injured								
	Total killed			Pedestrians			Bicyclists			Total injured			Pedestrians			Bicyclists		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
1. 0 to 4										4	1	3	1		1			
2. 5 to 9										7	4	3	5	2	3			
3. 10 to 14										5	3	2	1	1				
4. 15 to 19	4	3	1							63	33	30	2	1	1			
5. 20 to 24	1	1								55	36	19	1	1				
6. 25 to 34										43	30	13						
7. 35 to 44	1	1								46	25	21	2	2				
8. 45 to 54	3	2	1							36	14	22						
9. 55 to 64	1	1								28	15	13	1					
10. 65 to 74	1	1		1	1					9	6	3						
11. 75 & older										2		2	1		1			
12. Not stated										1	1		1	1				
Totals	11	9	2	1	1					299	168	131	15	8	7			

6. DIRECTIONAL ANALYSIS – An accident consisting of a series of collisions, overturning, etc., is classified according to the first event on the road

A. TWO MOTOR VEHICLE ACC.	Total	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	Property Damage Acc.
At Intersection				
1. Entering at angle	233		39	194
2a. From same direction – both going straight	7		1	6
b. Same – one turn, one straight	24		2	22
c. Same – one stopped	81		17	64
d. Same – all others				
3a. From opposite direction – both going straight	3			3
b. Same – one left turn, one straight	63		6	57
c. Same – all others				
4. Not stated				
Totals	411		65	346

B. TWO MOTOR VEHICLE ACC.	Total	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	Property Damage Acc.
Not at Intersection				
1. Going opposite direction – both moving	125	2	23	100
2. Going same direction – both moving	69		16	53
3a. One car parked	107		15	92
b. One car stopped in traffic	78		25	53
4a. One car entering parked position	3			3
b. One car leaving parked position	21			21
5a. One car entering alley or driveway	9		1	8
b. One car leaving alley or driveway	36		2	34
6. All others				
7. Not stated				
Totals	448	2	82	364

C. PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENTS	All Pedestrian Accidents	Fatal Accidents			Non-Fatal Injury Accidents		
		Total	Intersection	Non-intersection	Total	Intersection	Non-intersection
1. Car going straight	15	1		1	14	2	12
2. Car turning right							
3. Car turning left							
4. Car backing							
5. All others							
6. Not stated							
Totals	15	1		1	14	2	12

D. ALL OTHER ACCIDENTS	Total	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	Property Damage Acc.
At Intersections – Collision with: 1. Non-motor vehicle train, bicycle, etc				
2. Fixed object in road	18		1	17
3. Overturned in road	1			1
4. Left road	9		2	7
Not at Intersections – Collision with: 5. Non-motor vehicle train, bicycle, etc	3	1		2
6. Fixed object in road	82		13	69
7. Overturned in road	13		5	8
Left road: 8. At curve	76	3	19	54
9. Straight road	114	2	26	86
10. Fell from moving vehicle				
11. All others	21		4	17
12. Not stated				
Totals	337	6	70	261

7. PEDESTRIAN ACTIONS BY AGE	Pedestrians Killed	Ages of Pedestrians Killed and Injured									
		Total	0 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 19	20 to 24	25 to 44	45 to 64	65 & Older	Not Stated
1a. Crossing or entering roadway - at intersection		3		2					1		
b. Same – not at intersection		5	1	1	1	1				1	
2a. Walking in roadway – with traffic											
b. Same – against traffic											
3. Standing on roadway	1	2								1	1
4. Getting on or off other vehicle											
5. Pushing or working on vehicle in roadway											
6. Other working in roadway											
7. Playing in roadway		3		2				1			
8. Other on roadway		3				1	1	1			
9. Not in roadway											
10. Not stated											
Totals	1	16	1	5	1	2	1	2	1	2	1

Drivers of vehicles in proper parking locations are excluded

8. AGE OF DRIVER	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. 15 & younger	21	1	5
2. 16	68		11
3. 17	125	1	19
4. 18 to 19	156	1	31
5. 20 to 24	354	1	74
6. 25 to 34	421	1	71
7. 35 to 44	339	2	70
8. 45 to 54	274	3	42
9. 55 to 64	130	1	31
10. 65 to 74	69		12
11. 75 & older	23		4
12. Not stated			
Totals	1980	11	370

9 SEX OF DRIVER	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Male	1476	10	270
2. Female	504	1	100
3. Not stated			
Totals	1980	11	370

10 RESIDENCE OF DRIVER	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Local resident	1715	10	313
2. Residing elsewhere in state	178		40
3. Non-resident of state	87	1	17
4. Not stated			
Totals	1980	11	370

Vehicles in proper parking locations are included

12. TYPE OF VEHICLE	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Passenger car	1782	7	331
2. Passenger car and trailer			
3. Truck or truck tractor	269	3	47
4. Truck tractor and semi-trailer	15		1
5. Other truck combination	30		6
6. Farm tractor and/or farm equip.	2		
7. Taxicab	7		3
8. Bus	1		1
9. School bus	7		1
10. Motorcycle	5	1	4
11. Motor scooter or motor bicycle			
12. Others and not stated	2		
Totals	2120	11	394
Special vehicles included above			
13. Emergency (including privately owned)	3		
14. Military vehicles	6		2
15. Other publicly owned vehicles	4		

13 ROAD SURFACE CONDITION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Dry	217	5	63
2. Wet	91		23
3. Snowy or icy	901	4	144
4. Other	2		
5. Not stated			
Totals	1211	9	230

14. KIND OF LOCATION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Built-up	665		117
2. Not built-up	546	9	113
3. Not stated			
Totals	1211	9	230

15. LIGHT CONDITION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Daylight	743	5	128
2. Dawn or dusk	66	1	10
3. Darkness	402	3	92
4. Not stated			
Totals	1211	9	230

Contributing Circumstances (Table 11) compiled only from police reports

11. CONTRIBUTING CIRCUMSTANCES INDICATED	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Speed too fast	259	4	53
2. Failed to yield right of way	138		19
3. Drove left of center	28	2	5
4. Improper overtaking	4		1
5. Passed stop sign			
6. Disregarded traffic signal	20	1	5
7. Followed too closely	22		7
8. Made improper turn	14		2
9. Other improper driving	10		3
10. Inadequate brakes	4		
11. Improper lights			
12. Had been drinking	15		4
Totals	514	7	99

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SUMMARY OF MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS IN MONTANA

SUMMARY REPORT OF STATEWIDE **ACCIDENTS** **PERIOD** FEBRUARY 1969

Weather	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated			
2. Clear	996	8	188
3. Raining	5		2
4. Snowing	112	1	19
5. Fog	41		10
6. Other	57		11
Total	1211	9	230

Character of Road	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated			
2. Straight road—level	862	5	161
3. Straight road—hillcrest	24		7
4. Straight road—on grade	141	1	27
5. Straight road—not stated			
6. Curve—level	70	3	15
7. Curve—hillcrest	16		1
8. Curve—on grade	75		19
9. Curve—not stated	23		
Total	1211	9	230

Occupation of Driver	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Professional or business man	326		49
2. Farmers or farm laborers	112	2	18
3. Students	426	3	80
4. Sales persons	51		10
5. Commercial drivers	103	1	24
6. Military personnel	46		6
7. Housewives & domestic servants	349	1	75
8. Retired & pensioners	56		5
9. All other workers	511	4	103
Total	1980	11	370

The following information is obtained from investigated accidents only

Driver Training	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated	42	3	6
2. Received classroom training in school	3		1
3. Received behind the wheel training	2		
4. Received both classes of training	186		34
5. No driver training	976	8	219
Total	1209	11	260

Driver Sobriety	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated	5		3
2. HBD—obviously drunk	16	1	3
3. HBD—ability impaired	10		4
4. HBD—ability not impaired	31	1	10
5. HBD—not known if impaired	64	2	19
6. Had not been drinking	1047	4	209
7. Not known if drinking	36	3	12
Total	1209	11	260

Road Defects	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated			
2. Defective shoulders	4		1
3. Holes, deep ruts, bumps	72	1	12
4. Loose material on surface	18		3
5. Under construction or repair	1		
6. Surface oily, slippery when wet			
7. Other	2		1
8. No defects	655	8	149
Total	752	9	166

Seat Belt Information	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated	148		20
2. Equipped with in use	311	1	42
3. Equipped with not in use	882	5	153
4. Not equipped with	639	5	155
Total	1980	11	370
1. Not stated	863	2	120
2. SB would have saved life or prevented more serious inj.	120	4	76
3. SB saved life or prevented more serious injury	54		10
4. SB did not or could not have helped	943	5	164
Total	1980	11	370

Additional Accident Facts	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Accidents involving a HMV	518	7	108
2. Accidents not involving a HMV	234	2	58
3. Not stated			
Total	752	9	166
1. Not stated	175		42
2. Exceeding stated speed limit	71	5	24
3. Exceeding safe speed limit	2		
4. Exceeding safe speed limit Not exceeding legal speed limit	15		5
5. No speed violation	1021	6	205
Total	1284	11	276
1. Drivers recommended for driver license re-examination			
2. Hit & run accidents			

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4. Motor vehicle in traffic	458		80	378		107	18	25	64
5. Parked motor vehicle	93		15	78		16	3	7	6
6. Railroad train									
7. Bicyclist									
8. Animal									
9. Fixed object	41		6	35		7	2	3	2
10. Other object									
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5. Parked motor vehicle	78		17	214		22	180		24	NC$
6. Railroad train	1		1	3		1	4		1	NC$
7. Bicyclist	2		2				3		3	NC$
8. Animal							1			$
9. Fixed object	58		23	126		28	126		43	NC$
10. Other object	1		1				1		1	NC$
11. Other non-collision							1			NC$
12.										%
Totals	551		181	1617		361	1394		372	NC%

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1. 1:00	19		2		1				1		2		9		4			
2. 2:00	12		1		1		1		1				6		2			
3. 3:00	4				1						1		2					
4. 4:00	1								1									
5. 5:00	2								1		1							
6. 6:00	7		1		1						1		4					
7. 7:00	27		4		6		4		5		7				1			
8. 8:00	44		4		10		4		9		12		5					
9. 9:00	27		10		4		2		6		1		3		1			
10. 10:00	29		3		2		2		5		5		7		5			
11. 11:00	25		5		3		4		1		7		4		1			
After Noon: 12. Noon	35		1		4		4		11		6		5		4			
13. 1:00	33		3		4		2		7		8		5		4			
14. 2:00	33		2		1		1		3		6		13		7			
15. 3:00	34		7		4		4		4		8		4		3			
16. 4:00	61		9		9		8		15		11		4		5			
17. 5:00	45		5		5		4		12		11		6		2			
18. 6:00	24		2		4		3		7		4				4			
19. 7:00	30		5		4		5		3		9		3		1			
20. 8:00	34		4				7		7		7		7		2			
21. 9:00	28		7		2		3		3		5		6		2			
22. 10:00	20		2		1		4		1		7		3		2			
23. 11:00	18		1		3		1		2		4		6		1			
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1. 0 to 4										2		2	1					
2. 5 to 9										5	2	3	4	1	3			
3. 10 to 14										2	1	1						
4. 15 to 19										32	10	22	2	1	1			
5. 20 to 24										27	15	12	1	1				
6. 25 to 34										18	12	6						
7. 35 to 44										23	8	15	2	2				
8. 45 to 54										19	6	13						
9. 55 to 64										13	4	9	1		1			
10. 65 to 74										4	1	3						
11. 75 & older										1		1	1		1			
12. Not stated																		
Totals										146	59	87	12	5	7			

6. DIRECTIONAL ANALYSIS – An accident consisting of a series of collisions, overturning, etc., is classified according to the first event on the road

A. TWO MOTOR VEHICLE ACC.	Total	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	Property Damage Acc.
At Intersection				
1. Entering at angle	144		31	113
2a. From same direction – both going straight	7		1	6
b. Same – one turn, one straight	24		2	22
c. Same – one stopped	81		17	64
d. Same – all others				
3a. From opposite direction – both going straight	3			3
b. Same – one left turn, one straight	61		6	55
c. Same – all others				
4. Not stated				
Totals	320		57	263

B. TWO MOTOR VEHICLE ACC.	Total	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	Property Damage Acc.
Not at Intersection				
1. Going opposite direction – both moving	41		7	34
2. Going same direction – both moving	15		3	12
3a. One car parked	92		15	77
b. One car stopped in traffic	38		12	26
4a. One car entering parked position	3			3
b. One car leaving parked position	11			11
5a. One car entering alley or driveway	9		1	8
b. One car leaving alley or driveway	22			22
6. All others				
7. Not stated				
Totals	231		38	193

C. PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENTS	All Pedestrian Accidents	Fatal Accidents			Non-Fatal Injury Accidents		
		Total	Intersection	Non-intersection	Total	Intersection	Non-intersection
1. Car going straight	10				10	2	8
2. Car turning right							
3. Car turning left							
4. Car backing							
5. All others							
6. Not stated							
Totals	10				10	2	8

D. ALL OTHER ACCIDENTS		Total	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	Property Damage Acc.
At Intersections	Collision with: 1. Non-motor vehicle train, bicycle, etc.				
	Collision with: 2. Fixed object in road	18		1	17
	3. Overturned in road	1			1
	4. Left road	3		2	1
Not at Intersections	Collision with: 5. Non-motor vehicle train, bicycle, etc.				
	Collision with: 6. Fixed object in road	23		5	18
	7. Overturned in road				
	Left road: 8. At curve	2		2	
	Left road: 9. Straight road	2			2
10. Fell from moving vehicle					
11. All others					
12. Not stated					
Totals		49		10	39

7. PEDESTRIAN ACTIONS BY AGE	Pedestrians Killed	Ages of Pedestrians Killed and Injured									
		Total	0 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 19	20 to 24	25 to 44	45 to 64	65 & Older	Not Stated
1a. Crossing or entering roadway - at intersection		3		2					1		
b. Same – not at intersection		4	1	1		1				1	
2a. Walking in roadway – with traffic											
b. Same – against traffic											
3. Standing on roadway											
4. Getting on or off other vehicle											
5. Pushing or working on vehicle or roadway											
6. Other working in roadway											
7. Playing in roadway											
8. Other in roadway		2		1				1			
9. Not in roadway		3				1	1	1			
10. Not stated											
Totals		12	1	4		2	1	2	1	1	

Drivers of vehicles in proper parking locations are excluded

8. AGE OF DRIVER	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. 15 & younger	11		4
2. 16	46		9
3. 17	81		14
4. 18 to 19	95		17
5. 20 to 24	196		38
6. 25 to 34	219		35
7. 35 to 44	173		39
8. 45 to 54	147		27
9. 55 to 64	69		13
10. 65 to 74	38		5
11. 75 & older	11		2
12. Not stated			
Totals	1086		203

9. SEX OF DRIVER	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Male	734		135
2. Female	352		68
3. Not stated			
Totals	1086		203

10. RESIDENCE OF DRIVER	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Local resident	1041		192
2. Resident of other place in state	27		8
3. Non-resident of state	18		3
4. Not stated			
Totals	1086		203

Vehicles in proper parking locations are included

12. TYPE OF VEHICLE	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Passenger car	1064		205
2. Passenger car and trailer			
3. Truck or truck tractor	128		16
4. Truck tractor and semi-trailer	5		1
5. Other truck combination			
6. Farm tractor and/or farm equip.			
7. Taxicab	7		3
8. Bus	1		1
9. School bus	3		
10. Motorcycle	1		1
11. Motor scooter or motor bicycle			
12. Others and not stated	1		
Totals	1210		227
Special vehicles included above			
13. Emergency (including privately owned)			
14. Military vehicles	1		
15. Other publicly owned vehicles			

13. ROAD SURFACE CONDITION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Dry	68		19
2. Wet	64		20
3. Snowy or icy	478		76
4. Other			
5. Not stated			
Totals	610		115

14. KIND OF LOCATION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Built-up	610		115
2. Not built-up			
3. Not stated			
Totals	610		115

15. LIGHT CONDITION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Daylight	375		60
2. Dawn or dusk	23		5
3. Darkness	212		50
4. Not stated			
Totals	610		115

Contributing Circumstances (Table 11) compiled only from police reports.

11. CONTRIBUTING CIRCUMSTANCES INDICATED	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Speed too fast	117		23
2. Failed to yield right of way	90		11
3. Drove left of center	3		
4. Improper overtaking	2		1
5. Passed stop sign			
6. Disregarded traffic signal	16		4
7. Followed too closely	15		6
8. Made improper turn	11		2
9. Other improper driving	4		1
10. Inadequate brakes	2		
11. Improper lights			
12. Had been drinking	8		3
Totals	268		51

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SUMMARY OF MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS IN MONTANA

SUMMARY REPORT OF URBAN **ACCIDENTS** **PERIOD** FEBRUARY 1969

Weather	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated			
2. Clear	533		100
3. Raining	2		1
4. Snowing	50		7
5. Fog	7		4
6. Other	18		3
Total	610		115

Character of Road	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated			
2. Straight road—level	511		98
3. Straight road—hillcrest	9		3
4. Straight road—on grade	63		7
5. Straight road—not stated			
6. Curve—level	16		3
7. Curve—hillcrest	4		4
8. Curve—on grade	7		
9. Curve—not stated			
Total	610		115

Occupation of Driver	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Professional or business man	217		29
2. Farmers or farm laborers	33		5
3. Students	279		53
4. Sales persons	27		6
5. Commercial drivers	32		9
6. Military personnel	19		2
7. Housewives & domestic servants	232		48
8. Retired & pensioners	28		3
9. All other workers	219		48
Total	1086		203

The following information is obtained from investigated accidents only

Driver Training	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated	3		2
2. Received classroom training in school			
3. Received behind the wheel training			
4. Received both classes of training	112		21
5. No driver training	503		103
Total	618		126

Driver Sobriety	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated			
2. HBD—obviously drunk	8		2
3. HBD—ability impaired	5		2
4. HBD—ability not impaired	20		8
5. HBD—not known if impaired	22		10
6. Had not been drinking	558		101
7. Not known if drinking	5		3
Total	618		126

Road Defects	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated			
2. Defective shoulders			
3. Holes, deep ruts, bumps	57		11
4. Loose material on surface	9		2
5. Under construction or repair			
6. Surface oily, slippery when wet			
7. Other	2		1
8. No defects	275		58
Total	343		72

Seat Belt Information	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated	8		
2. Equipped with in use	161		26
3. Equipped with not in use	559		86
4. Not equipped with	358		91
Total	1086		203
1. Not stated	471		77
2. SB would have saved life or prevented more serious inj.	11		8
3. SB saved life or prevented more serious injury	6		1
4. SB did not or could not have helped	598		117
Total	1086		203

Additional Accident Facts	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Accidents involving a HMV	262		52
2. Accidents not involving a HMV	81		20
3. Not stated			
Total	343		72
1. Not stated	141		33
2. Exceeding stated speed limit	16		8
3. Exceeding safe speed limit			
4. Exceeding safe speed limit Not exceeding legal speed limit	2		
5. No speed violation	527		101
Total	686		142
1. Drivers recommended for driver license re-examination			
2. Hit & run accidents			

STANDARD SUMMARY OF MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

In MONTANA (State) For FEBRUARY 1969 (Month or other period)

1. TYPE OF ACCIDENT	Number of Accidents: Total	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Property Damage	Number of Persons: Total Killed	Injured: Total	a	b	c
Motor Vehicle									
1. Ran off road	194	5	44	145	6	56	20	27	9
2. Overturned on road	13		5	8		5	2	2	1
Collision of Motor vehicle with: 3. Pedestrian	3	1	2		1	2	2		
4. Motor vehicle in traffic	290	2	51	237	3	74	22	35	17
5. Parked motor vehicle	15			15					
6. Railroad train	4	1		3	1				
7. Bicyclist									
8. Animal	21		4	17		6	3	2	1
9. Fixed object	60		8	52		9	1	5	3
10. Other object									
11. Other non-collision	1		1			1	1		
12.									
Totals	601	9	115	477	11	153	51	71	31

Note: The three categories of injuries follow the Manual of Uniform Definitions of Motor Vehicle Accidents.

a. Bleeding wound, distorted member, or any condition that required victim be carried from the scene.

b. Other visible injuries such as bruises, abrasions swelling, limping, or other painful movement

c. Complaint of pain, without visible signs of injury, or momentary unconciousness.

SUMMARY OF Rural ACCIDENTS

Legally reportable accidents are those involving death, bodily injury or property damage of $ 100.00 or more

☐ In the accident

☒ To the property of one person

This summary includes reports and information available on

July 29, 1969

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2A. COMPARATIVE TOTALS	Same Month Last Year: All accidents	Persons killed	Persons injured	This Year to Date: All accidents	Persons killed	Persons injured	Same Period Last Year: All accidents	Persons killed	Persons injured	Change Cumulative Death Record
1. Ran off road	219	6	146	457	8	151	419	7	197	+ 14
2. Overturned on road	8		6	24		8	22		10	NC
Collision of Motor vehicle with: 3. Pedestrian				5	1	5	2	1	2	NC
4. Motor vehicle in traffic	179	1	86	728	8	281	553	2	267	+800%
5. Parked motor vehicle	14		1	44		8	35		1	NC
6. Railroad train	3	1	3	13	2	3	6	1	3	+100%
7. Bicyclist										%
8. Animal	42		2	63		10	83		8	NC
9. Fixed object	57	3	17	133		29	146	4	32	+INF%
10. Other object	5		2	1			8		5	NC
11. Other non-collision				2	1	1	1		1	-100%
12. Misc.				1		2	2	1	1	+INF%
Totals	527	11	263	1471	20	498	1277	16	527	+ 25%

2B MILEAGE RATES	This Year To Date	Last Year Same Period	Percent Change
1. Motor vehicle traffic deaths	20	16	+25 %
2. Estimated motor vehicle mileage traveled (millions)		N A	%
3. Death rate per 100,000,000 vehicle-miles		N A	%
4. Fatal accident rate per 100,000,000 vehicle-miles		N A	%
5. Fatal Accidents	17	15	+13 %
6.			%

3. LOCATION	A. Trafficways Administered by Governmental Agencies: State Highway Dept., counties, cities, towns, villages, etc. — Number of Accidents: Total	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Property Damage	Number of Persons: Killed	Injured	B. Trafficways Administered by Independent Agencies: Turnpike, parkway, military, freeway authorities and commissions, etc. — Number of Accidents: Total	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Property Damage	Number of Persons: Killed	Injured
URBAN: All incorporated places of 2500 or more people and all areas classified as urban by special rules followed in 1940 census												
1. 2,500 to 10,000												
2. 10,000 to 25,000												
3. 25,000 to 50,000												
4. 50,000 to 100,000												
5. 100,000 to 250,000												
6. 250,000 or more												
7.												
8.												
Total urban												
RURAL: All locations other than those above												
1. Controlled access highway	41		12	29		15						
2. State routes & US	267	4	62	201	5	79						
3. County routes	293	5	41	247	6	59						
4. Other												
5. Not stated												
Total rural	601	9	115	477	11	153						
Total urban and rural												

5. TIME (Hour beginning)	Total: All	Fatal	Monday: All	Fatal	Tuesday: All	Fatal	Wednesday: All	Fatal	Thursday: All	Fatal	Friday: All	Fatal	Saturday: All	Fatal	Sunday: All	Fatal	Not stated: All	Fatal
Before Noon: 0. Midnight	28	1	4		3	1			2		5		6		8			
1. 1:00	14		2		3						1		3		5			
2. 2:00	10						1				2		3		4			
3. 3:00	7		1		1								1		4			
4. 4:00	8	1	1				1		1	1	2		1		2			
5. 5:00	6		1										1		4			
6. 6:00	11		3		2				4		2							
7. 7:00	22		3		4		3		2		7		1		2			
8. 8:00	40		4		10		2		5		7		6		6			
9. 9:00	23		3		2		2		8		2		1		5			
10. 10:00	24		3		2		3		5		2		3		6			
11. 11:00	22		3		4		2		2		3		6		2			
After Noon: 12. Noon	34		2		3		3		7		8		4		7			
13. 1:00	39		7		7		2		2		8		9		4			
14. 2:00	34	1	6		1		3		3		4		7		10	1		
15. 3:00	56	3	6		9		5	1	14	1	10	1	9		3			
16. 4:00	52	1	8	1	5		5		8		10		7		9			
17. 5:00	43	1	8		5		4		6		6	1	5		9			
18. 6:00	30	1	3		4		2		4		8		5	1	4			
19. 7:00	25		7		1		3		1		5		2		6			
20. 8:00	28		5		3		5		1		7		3		4			
21. 9:00	11		1		2						2		5		1			
22. 10:00	18		3		2		1		3		5		3		1			
23. 11:00	14				4				3		4		2		1			
24. Not stated	2								1						1			
Totals	601	9	84	1	77	1	47	1	82	2	110	2	93	1	108	1		

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4 AGE OF CASUALTY	Number of Persons Killed									Number of Persons Injured								
	Total killed			Pedestrians			Bicyclists			Total injured			Pedestrians			Bicyclists		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
0 to 4										2	1	1						
2. 5 to 9										2	2		1	1				
3. 10 to 14										3	2	1	1	1				
4. 15 to 19	4	3	1							31	23	8						
5. 20 to 24	1	1								28	21	7						
6. 25 to 34										25	18	7						
7. 35 to 44	1	1								23	17	6						
8. 45 to 54	3	2	1							17	8	9						
9. 55 to 64	1	1								15	11	4						
10. 65 to 74	1	1		1	1					5	5							
11. 75 & older										1		1						
12. Not stated										1	1		1	1				
Totals	11	9	2	1	1					153	109	44	3	3				

6. DIRECTIONAL ANALYSIS – An accident consisting of a series of collisions, overturning, etc., is classified according to the first event on the road

A TWO MOTOR VEHICLE ACC.	Total	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	Property Damage Acc.
At Intersection				
1. Entering at angle	89		8	81
2a. From same direction – both going straight				
b. Same – one turn, one straight				
c. Same – one stopped				
d. Same – all others				
3a. From opposite direction – both going straight				
b. Same – one left turn, one straight	2			2
c. Same – all others				
4. Not stated				
Totals	91		8	83

B. TWO MOTOR VEHICLE ACC.	Total	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	Property Damage Acc.
Not at Intersection				
1. Going opposite direction – both moving	84	2	16	66
2. Going same direction – both moving	54		13	41
3a. One car parked	15			15
b. One car stopped in traffic	40		13	27
4a. One car entering parked position				
b. One car leaving parked position	10			10
5a. One car entering alley or driveway				
b. One car leaving alley or driveway	14		2	12
6. All others				
7. Not stated				
Totals	217	2	44	171

C. PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENTS	All Pedestrian Accidents	Fatal Accidents		Non-Fatal Injury Accidents		
		Total	Intersection	Total	Intersection	Non-intersection
1. Car going straight	5	1	1	4		4
2. Car turning right						
3. Car turning left						
4. Car backing						
5. All others						
6. Not stated						
Totals	5	1	1	4		4

D. ALL OTHER ACCIDENTS	Total	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	Property Damage Acc.
Collision with				
1. Non-motor vehicle: train, bicycle, etc.				
2. Fixed object in road				
3. Overturned in road				
4. Left road	6			6
Collision with				
5. Non-motor vehicle: train, bicycle, etc.	3	1		2
6. Fixed object in road	59		8	51
7. Overturned in road	13		5	8
Left road				
8. At curve	74	3	17	54
9. Straight road	112	2	26	84
10. Fell from moving vehicle				
11. All others	21		4	17
12. Not stated				
Totals	288	6	60	222

7. PEDESTRIAN ACTIONS BY AGE	Pedestrians Killed	Ages of Pedestrians Killed and Injured									
		Total	0 to 6	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 19	20 to 24	25 to 44	45 to 64	65 & Older	Not Stated
1a. Crossing or entering roadway – at intersection											
b. Same – not at intersection		1			1						
2a. Walking in roadway – with traffic											
b. Same – against traffic											
3. Standing in roadway	1	2								1	1
4. Getting on or off other vehicle											
5. Pushing or working on vehicle in roadway											
6. Other working in roadway											
7. Playing in roadway		1		1							
8. Other on roadway											
9. Not in roadway											
10. Not stated											
Totals	1	4		1	1					1	1

Drivers of vehicles in proper parking locations are excluded

8 AGE OF DRIVER	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. 15 & younger	10	1	1
2. 16	22		2
3. 17	44	1	5
4. 18 to 19	61	1	14
5. 20 to 24	158	1	36
6. 25 to 34	202	1	36
7. 35 to 44	166	2	31
8. 45 to 54	127	3	15
9. 55 to 64	61	1	18
10. 65 to 74	31		7
11. 75 & older	12		2
12. Not stated			
Totals	894	11	167

9 SEX OF DRIVER	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Male	742	10	135
2. Female	152	1	32
3. Not stated			
Totals	894	11	167

10 RESIDENCE OF DRIVER	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Local resident	674	10	121
2. Residing elsewhere in state	151		32
3. Resident out of state	69	1	14
4. Not stated			
Total	894	11	167

Vehicles in proper parking locations are included

12. TYPE OF VEHICLE	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Passenger car	718	7	126
2. Passenger car and trailer			
2. Truck or truck tractor	141	3	13
4. Truck tractor and semi-trailer	10		
5. Other truck combination	30		6
6. Farm tractor and/or farm equip.	2		
7. Taxicab			
8. Bus			
9. School bus	4		1
10. Motorcycle	4	1	3
11. Motor scooter or motor bicycle			
12. Others and not stated	1		
Totals	910	11	167
Special vehicles included above			
13. Emergency (including privately owned)	3		
14. Military vehicles	5		2
15. Other publicly owned vehicles	4		

13 ROAD SURFACE CONDITION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Dry	149	5	44
2. Wet	27		3
3. Snowy or icy	423	4	68
4. Other	2		
5. Not stated			
Totals	601	9	115

14. KIND OF LOCATION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Built-up	55		2
2. Not built-up	546	9	113
3. Not stated			
Totals	601	9	115

15. LIGHT CONDITION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Daylight	368	5	68
2. Dawn or dusk	43	1	5
2. Darkness	190	3	42
4. Not stated			
Totals	601	9	115

Contributing Circumstances (Table 11) compiled only from police reports.

11. CONTRIBUTING CIRCUMSTANCES INDICATED	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Speed too fast	142	4	30
2. Failed to yield right of way	48		8
2. Drove left of center	25	2	5
4. Improper overtaking	2		
5. Passed stop sign			
6. Disregarded traffic signal	4	1	1
7. Followed too closely	7		1
8. Made improper turn	3		
9. Other improper driving	6		2
10. Inadequate brakes	2		
11. Improper lights			
12. Had been drinking	7		1
Totals	246	7	48

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SUMMARY OF MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS IN MONTANA

SUMMARY REPORT OF RURAL **ACCIDENTS** **PERIOD** FEBRUARY 1969

Weather	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated			
2. Clear	463	8	88
3. Raining	3		1
4. Snowing	62	1	12
5. Fog	34		6
6. Other	39		8
Total	601	9	115

Character of Road	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated			
2. Straight road—level	351	5	63
3. Straight road—hillcrest	15		4
4. Straight road—on grade	78	1	20
5. Straight road—not stated			
6. Curve—level	54	3	12
7. Curve—hillcrest	12		1
8. Curve—on grade	68		15
9. Curve—not stated	23		
Total	601	9	115

Occupation of Driver	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Professional or business man	109		20
2. Farmers or farm laborers	79	2	13
3. Students	147	3	27
4. Sales persons	24		4
5. Commercial drivers	71	1	15
6. Military personnel	27		4
7. Housewives & domestic servants	117	1	27
8. Retired & pensioners	28		2
9. All other workers	292	4	55
Total	894	11	167

The following information is obtained from investigated accidents only

Driver Training	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated	39	3	4
2. Received classroom training in school	3		1
3. Received behind the wheel training	2		
4. Received both classes of training	74		13
5. No driver training	473	8	116
Total	591	11	134

Driver Sobriety	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated	5		3
2. HBD—obviously drunk	8	1	1
3. HBD—ability impaired	5		2
4. HBD—ability not impaired	11	1	2
5. HBD—not known if impaired	42	2	9
6. Had not been drinking	489	4	108
7. Not known if drinking	31	3	9
Total	591	11	134

Road Defects	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated			
2. Defective shoulders	4		1
3. Holes, deep ruts, bumps	15	1	1
4. Loose material on surface	9		1
5. Under construction or repair	1		
6. Surface oily, slippery when wet			
7. Other			
8. No defects	380	8	91
Total	409	9	94

Seat Belt Information	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated	140		20
2. Equipped with in use	150	1	16
3. Equipped with not in use	323	5	67
4. Not equipped with	281	5	64
Total	894	11	167
1. Not stated	392	2	43
2. SB would have saved life or prevented more serious inj.	109	4	68
3. SB saved life or prevented more serious injury	48		9
4. SB did not or could not have helped	345	5	47
Total	894	11	167

Additional Accident Facts	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Accidents involving a HMV	256	7	56
2. Accidents not involving a HMV	153	2	38
3. Not stated			
Total	409	9	94
1. Not stated	34		9
2. Exceeding stated speed limit	55	5	16
3. Exceeding safe speed limit	2		
4. Exceeding safe speed limit Not exceeding legal speed limit	13		5
5. No speed violation	494	6	104
Total	598	11	134
1. Drivers recommended for driver license re-examination			
2. Hit & run accidents			

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